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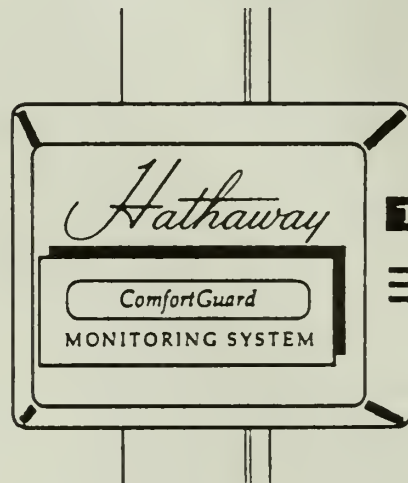


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### *"Sparky Claus"*

## Sparky Spreads Some Holiday Cheer

By Kenneth J. Souza

Last Friday afternoon, as Grade 4 students at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett were restlessly awaiting the end of the day and the beginning of the all-important holiday vacation, a familiar visitor walked through the door bearing candy canes ... but instead of the expected cries of "ho, ho, ho," this visitor's greeting sounded more like "ruff, ruff, ruff."

The Fire Department's favorite mascot — Sparky the Fire Dog — took over for Santa Claus on this particular afternoon, sharing treats with all the students at Old Hammondtown School. According to Mattapoisett Fire Chief Ronald Scott, Sparky's appearance was made possible through a grant from the Student Awareness Fire Education (SAFE) program.

This is just one in a series of planned appearances by Sparky, who helps educate students on fire safety and how to react in the event of fire. And although Sparky was unable to comment on his role in this program, Captain Lee Jones of the Mattapoisett Fire Department was able to interpret the canine's impressions.

"Sparky is used in a whole array of safety classes," Captain Jones said. "We use him to teach kids how to stop, drop, and roll ... and we've used him for the 'Flame Game' and a model 'Burn House.'"

Chief Scott concurred that Sparky is a unique way for the Fire Department to translate the importance of fire safety from students to their parents. He noted that after one of the presentations, students will often go home and tell their parents what they've learned. "I've been told that kids will go home and drive their parents nuts," Chief Scott said. "In a way, it's our best tool in teaching fire safety."

Sparky the Fire Dog has been making appearances in Mattapoisett for the last two years, and both Chief Scott and Captain Jones have been involved with the program since its inception. "This is (Mattapoisett's) second year (with Sparky)," Chief Scott said. "Last year he started working with us, and the Fire Departments in Middleboro and Dighton. SAFE funds the program through tobacco taxes."

Other programs which feature Sparky in his bright red fireman's hat and yellow fireproof jacket include those during Fire Prevention Week and the "Learn Not to Burn" classes held at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School.

But on this particular occasion, Sparky came just to say "hello" and wish students "Happy Holidays." He went through the cafeteria during lunch and, with a little



*Above: Mattapoisett Fire Chief Ronald Scott (left) and Sparky the Fire Dog (with hat) handed out candy canes to the students at Old Hammondtown School last week. Sparky makes regular visits to extoll the virtues of fire safety. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

*On the cover: This holiday display is part of the decorations in Marion's Bicentennial Park. Behind the festive depiction of Christmas carollers is the Marion Town House. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

*Cover insert: Members of the Fairhaven High School Building Committee, the Fairhaven School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and other local officials participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Fairhaven High School Renovation last week. The \$15.5 million project is set to commence this week. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

### Holiday Schedule

*There will be no issue published on January 3, 1997  
so that our staff may enjoy the Holiday.  
Our next regular issue will be on January 10, 1997.*

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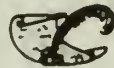
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help from Fire Chief Scott, passed out candy canes to all the Old Hammondtown School students.

### Ground Breaking

### Fairhaven High School Project Underway

By Kenneth J. Souza

What began with an article allocating \$18.4 million on the May 10, 1994 Fairhaven Annual Town Meeting has now come to fruition.

Last Friday afternoon, December 20, members of Fairhaven High School's student body — along with faculty, staff, and interested residents — gathered outside the historic structure for a ceremonial ground-breaking that will eventually result in an expansion of the century-old facility to meet the needs of the growing community.

Present for the event were members of the Board of Selectmen, the Fairhaven High School Building Committee, and the Fairhaven School Committee, along with State Senator Mark Montigny and State Representative William Straus.

After some haggling over the initial cost of the renovation project — and determining how much state reimbursement the town would receive — voters recently agreed to up the ante at a Special Town Meeting on December 7, bringing the total cost of the project to \$19.4 million.

But, according to School Superintendent Bernard

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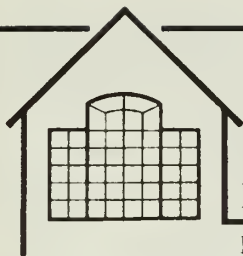
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F. Roderick, the town will get up to 72 percent reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"The State Department of Education bases their allocation on square footage," Mr. Roderick said. "Since we (first submitted) the project, inflation has kicked in and the state has increased the square footage allowance to \$168 per square foot. As such, we're going to get about 72 percent reimbursement from the state ... that's a hell of a deal."

Although the welcomed sun was beaming down on the estimated 200 people in attendance, it wasn't enough to stop the dropping temperature from nipping at people's hands and faces. But, on the upside, it did cut

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short everyone's comments and effectively shorten the proceedings.

"I had a 20-minute speech prepared," joked Senator Mark Montigny. "But I'll keep it to under five minutes."

After welcoming remarks from Superintendent Roderick, he introduced one of the "guiding forces" of the Fairhaven High School project in Building Committee Chairman Andrew B. Tillett. Mr. Tillett said the ceremony was a landmark day for the Town of Fairhaven, because it showed the town's commitment to its past while planning for the future.

Mr. Tillett was also pleased to announce that the town had, just that morning, signed an agreement with Eastern Contractors of Framingham to begin work on the high school at a low bid of \$15.5 million. The company has agreed to complete the three-phase project within a 26-month time frame.

The project — on which work was slated to commence today (Friday, December 27) — will include the redesigning of the football stadium to include a soccer field, and related improvements to Cushman Park across Route 6.

"It will be a three-phase project, where they'll first build the new addition, which should take about one year," Mr. Roderick said. He added that the remaining phases will include moving students out of the 1906 building and into the new wing, renovate the older facility, and then demolish the old wing.

"There will be some inconvenience while the work is being done, but we'll be able to hold classes," Mr. Roderick said. If all goes according to plan, the new and improved Fairhaven High School should be opened in the spring of 1999.

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### Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 23, 1996

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 23 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman Richard D. Cutler, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, Executive Secretary Russell J. Dean, and Secretary Veronica Lafreniere.

After the board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 9 and December 17 meetings, Mr. Dean reviewed the following pending issues:

- He is working on putting together procedural guidelines and requisition forms for the Personnel Board.
- He recently learned that the State Lottery

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"The procedure is to request a hearing with the (State) Lottery Commission and they'll take everything into consideration," Mr. Dean said. "They way they figure it, a portion of local aid is attributed to Keno receipts ... and it would probably amount to a cut-off in (local aid) growth over time."

Selectman Cutler said he had an "upset stomach" after hearing what sounded to him like forced gambling. "They're penalizing (Rochester) for not gambling," Selectman Cutler said. "We only have one establishment I can think of which would even be capable of handling the Keno game."

The board asked Mr. Dean to look into what needed to be done to apply for an exemption and also how the Lottery Commission determines the "penalties" placed on local towns.

• He researched the enforcement of non-criminal citations in town. According to Mr. Dean, if the town adopts a by-law, they can issue citations if people are in violation of said by-law.

Chairman Hawkes next presented gift certificates to this year's winners of the Annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest. Gift certificates for \$20 which were donated by Lloyd's Market, Dempsey's, and Donna's Cookie/Family Cleaners were randomly selected by the three winners, including:

Betty Olival of 30 Clarke Court; Jill Szklany of 65 Vaughan Hill Road; and Susan McCombe of 366 Snipatuit Road.

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- Request from Roxanne J. Costa to serve on the Rochester Arts Lottery Council. The board unanimously voted to forward this request to the Arts Lottery Council for their consideration.

- November payment from SEMASS in the amount of \$163,657.93.

- Plumb Memorial Library Trustees report from Lucy Van Petten, Library Director.

- Information from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) regarding the Dexter Lane Recreational Area Grant. According to this letter, Rochester has qualified for up to \$50,000 in state urban assistance for the site, provided it remains for recreational purposes and is available to the general public.

- Letter of resignation from Alan Stata, who is stepping

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down as the board's representative to the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). According to Mr. Stata's letter, as of January 3, 1997 he will be working out-of-state which will prohibit him from attending SRPEDD meetings.

The board unanimously moved to accept Mr. Stata's resignation, with regret, and agreed to send him a letter of appreciation for his past efforts. In the meantime, Selectman Cutler said he would like to look toward appointing a replacement in April, 1997 and would recommend that Mr. Dean serve in the interim so that he might be able to acquaint himself with the workings of SRPEDD. Mr. Dean agreed to this recommendation. With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Dean as the town's new SRPEDD representative.

Any residents interested in serving as the town's representative to SRPEDD should submit a letter and resume to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770.

- Town Hall Clerk Kelly Hartley next sent a request to the board to seek the assistance of the Public Prosecutor's office in collecting two overdue ambulance bills. The board unanimously approved Ms. Hartley's request.

On a similar note, Selectman Chamberlain noted that there is a resident in town who has worked for Town Hall and volunteered services quite often in the past. Recently, that person was billed \$20 for an ambulance run. "We normally waive bills for those who have donated time to the town," Selectman Chamberlain said. The board thereby unanimously agreed to waive this \$20 bill.

The board next unanimously signed and approved:

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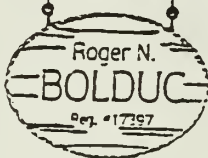
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- Payment of \$1,035.82 in monthly legal expenses to Town Counsels Kopelman and Paige.
- Payment of \$7,400 to the firm of Rodrigues, Guckin & Tobojka, P.C. for the annual town audit. \$8,000 had been allocated for this purpose in the fiscal 1997 budget.
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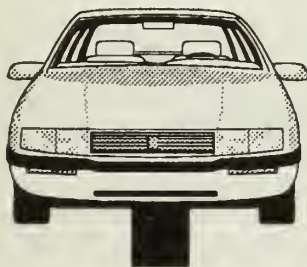
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looking into the state requirements for Class II and Class III licenses. It is his understanding that a business which applies for a Class III license does not need a Class II license, since they are inclusive.

"In reality, Motor Coach, Inc. only needs to apply for a Class III license which covers Class II," Selectman Chamberlain said. "Since he's already applied this year for both, we'll approve both as submitted. But next year, he'll only have to apply for Class III."

Selectman Chamberlain then moved to send notification to Benjamin Lavalée concerning his operation on Vaughan Hill Road. According to Selectman Chamberlain, the board was recently "denied access" to inspect the site — the gate was locked — even though Mr. Lavalée was notified of their impending inspection. The board unanimously approved the motion and also asked to have Regional Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon inspect the site.

Likewise, the board voted to send notification to High Street Realty regarding their Earth Removal Permit. Again, the board was unable to inspect the site in question despite having sent a notice to the owners. "I don't like being locked out, especially after we've contacted them," Selectman Chamberlain said. "We still haven't inspected this site."

The board then unanimously voted to approve the Chapter 61A release of the Pierce/Baptista property as discussed at their last meeting.

Selectman Cutler said he attended the last Power Utility meeting held in Acushnet, and he agrees with neighboring town officials that having large blocks of power to deal with will certainly help in reducing rates with potential energy suppliers once Com/Electric is deregulated. "I'm not sure I want to get too cozy with Acushnet based on our past dealings with them," Selectman Cutler said. "But I think we should be looking to franchise power much the way we do trash pickup."

At 8:10 pm the board voted to discuss agenda items as the Personnel Board and would thereafter adjourn for the evening upon completion.

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**Letters to the Editor**

To the Editor:

*(This is in response to the letter from Jim  
Huntoon in the December 20, 1996 issue of The  
Wanderer.)*

Mr. Huntoon, the voters of Mattapoisett are a whole lot brighter than you think. Michele Bernier was elected by them for a reason: people here love Mattapoisett the way it is and want to preserve it. They have warm and deep feelings for its trees and ocean views, its small town character, its charm.

Before Michele Bernier was elected, the Selectmen were relentlessly railroading Mattapoisett down a path of overdevelopment, heavily-increased population, and loss of open spaces. Our wetlands and water supplies were handled as impediments to development rather than protected as treasures. Selectman Bernier has repeatedly called for input from the public on controversial issues before the Board rather than allowing hasty decisions to be made by the good ol' boys.

It is our responsibility to act as guardians of all that we cherish in Mattapoisett so that our children and their children will be assured of the same natural beauty that we have enjoyed here during our lifetimes.



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If Gil LaFrance, the announced candidate, stands for these same goals, Mr. Huntoon, then I welcome him. Don't fear his lack of experience as a shrewd politician, Mr. Huntoon. Admit that, for a while, Mattapoisett leadership had lost its way and there is much truth in the old saying, "a new broom sweeps clean."

Sincerely,  
Lynda Johnson  
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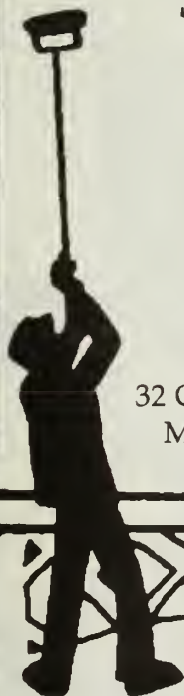
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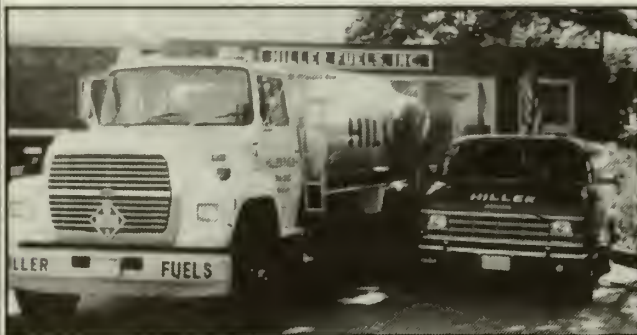
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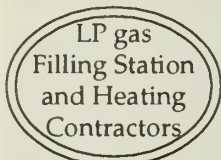


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To the Editor:

The Staff of Center School would like to thank the following people for their time and efforts in redecorating the Center School Staff Room. The planning began last spring under the direction of Ms. Caty Fuerman. She coordinated the efforts of parents (past, present, and future), the Mattapoisett PTA, other interested citizens, businesses, groups, and a few students (past and present). Their cooperation has resulted in a peaceful, beautiful, relaxing room that is most sincerely appreciated.

Many thanks to: Carol Adler, Christy Alferes, Mr. and Ms. Robert Allen, Mr. Ashworth and the Metal Department of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Dennis Barley, Ruth Bates, Diane and Michael Behan, Paul Bradley, Canal Carpets, Gordon Coe, Jordan Collyer, Marguerite and Kenneth Correia and their children Annice, Gregory, and Emma, Lyn Crossan, Davey's Locker, Anthony Days, Paul Downey, Johanna Duponte, Carole Fetela, David and Caty Fuerman and their children Dan and Haichi, Robert Garde, Robert Gaspar, Glaser Glass Company, Tom Grondski, Brian Hiller, Carol Holland, Jan and Peter Kortright, Ron LeBlanc, Beth Lopes and Family, Debbie and Peter Lorenzo and their children Corey and Michael, the Mattapoisett PTA, Gena Griffiths and family, Pat Muldoon, Jack Murphy, Don Nolan, Diane and Dennis Perry, Paul Piva, Rose Robert, Jennifer and Walter Rusinoski, Lois Sager, Richard Saunders, Gary Schuyler, Lori Sevigny, Melinda Smith, Suzanne Sylvester, Pat Tapper, David Todd,

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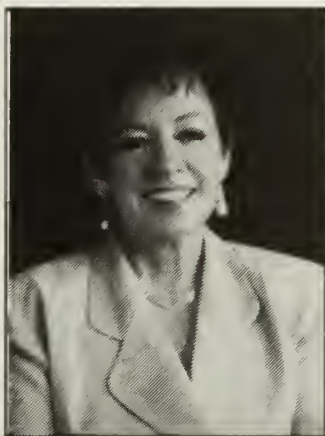


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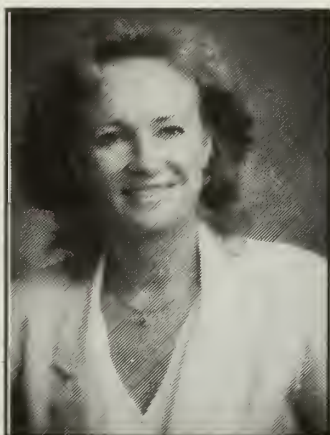
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Sincerely,  
The Staff at Center School  
Mattapoisett

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### Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social hour will be at 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be John Wilde. Mr. Wilde is the general manager of the Wareham Gatemen and will explain the workings of the Collegiate Summer Baseball League on Cape Cod which numbers among its illustrious alumni none other than Mo Vaughan.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on January 6. Last minute changes and reservations can be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

### Rochester Board of Health

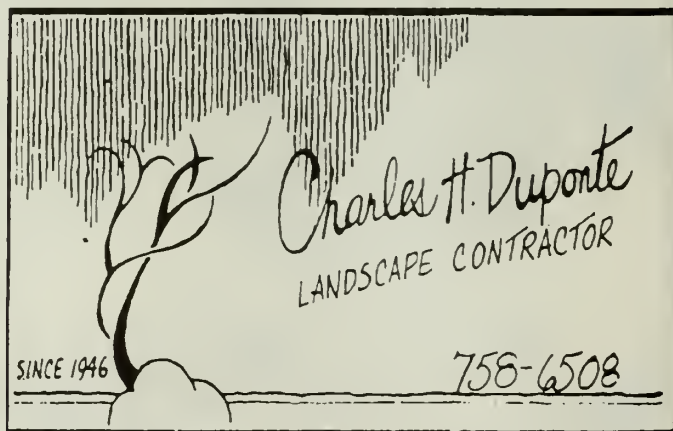
The Rochester Board of Health would like to remind Rochester residents that regular trash pick-up is on Friday. If a holiday occurs during that week, trash will be picked up on Saturday.

The Rochester Board of Health has also opened the percolation season for new construction. Please have your engineer contact the Board of Health at 763-3871 to make an appointment.

### Marion Art Center

#### Exercise Classes

The Marion Art Center will begin the new year on January 6, 1997 by offering an exercise program on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Step Aerobics and Body Sculpting will be offered in a fun, comfortable atmosphere. The instructors are highly motivational, AFFA-certified, and teach with safety being a priority.





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#### *Music Lessons*

Private music lessons in piano, voice, and clarinet will resume on January 7, 1997. Fees are \$15 per half-hour of private lesson. Please call the MAC for information at 748-1266.

#### **Tri-Town 766 Meeting**

Information will be available to assist parents in the planning, decision-making, and monitoring of their child's IEP. A Basic Rights 766 Workshop, presented by the Federation of Children of Special Needs and sponsored by the Project GROW Parents' Group, will be held on January 29, 1997 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the ORR High School Library. Anyone is invited to attend.

Ann Fitzgerald will conduct the workshop and a Parent Manual will be handed out. You must register in advance by calling Jane Awad at 758-4090. The snow date will be February 5, 1997. Deadline to register for this program is January 20, 1997.

#### **ORR School District**

##### *Science Night at Memorial School*

Rochester Memorial School sponsored its first Family Science Night in early November. Twenty-five families of primary grade students were invited to participate in the two-hour session which was held in the school's cafetorium, foyer and art room.

Upon arrival, families created a family symbol, called a "glyph," based on their family characteristics and preferences. Each family's design was added to a group graph. Following the introductory activity, families rotated among three

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major stations according to a prearranged schedule which kept the evening flowing smoothly. The school art room was transformed into the "bubble room," where children and parents experimented with various tools and techniques for the creation of bubbles.

The cafetorium hosted two other stations: "Estimation" and "Water." Families in these two centers predicted the floating and sinking of various fruits, guessed which of the various items such as crayons and cotton balls would float, added teddy bears to aluminum foil boats until they sank, and "huffed and puffed" to send various objects across the floor. Each family was given a plastic bag containing ideas for follow-up activities along with an evaluation form. One participant commented: "It was a great learning experience for all of us."

Planning for the event began last May. Volunteers were sought to attend a workshop in Fall River sponsored by Project PALMS (Partnerships Advancing the Learning of Mathematics and Science). Ms. Donna Resmini, a member of the Leadership Council at the time; Ms. Kari Sgourakes, parent of a current first grader; and Mr. Kevin Weaver, sixth grade teacher, attended the session. They came back to school with the goal of



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organizing an event for RMS. Additional staff volunteers were signed up to help the stations. Based on the positive results, serious consideration will be given to offering a second event in the spring.

### *Holiday Concert*

The Rochester Memorial School Chorus and Band performed at the Town Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 11. The Congregational Church was standing room only as the singers and musicians performed old favorites of the season as well as some new renditions. The evening was topped off with the lighting of the tree in front of Town Hall and refreshments for the students and their families in the Town Hall itself.

The Chorus and Select Band travelled to the North Dartmouth Mall on Tuesday, December 17 to perform there as well. The annual event provided the students with the opportunity to perform live. A

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good time was had by all the students and the chaperones as well. Congratulations to music teachers Christine Ashley and Chris Williamson for all their hard work.

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The Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester Local Cultural Councils have offered generous financial support for the Old Rochester Regional Global Fair, to be held on Tuesday, March 18. The event will also be funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The event is sure to be as successful this year as it was last year, thanks to the generous support by the local and state councils.

*Fun with Pyramids*

Students in Grades 5 and 6 at Rochester Memorial School were treated to a presentation by Paulette Morin on Friday, December 13 titled "Having Fun With Pyramids and Pharaohs." Complete with a slide show, replicas of Egyptian artifacts and stories of the burial rituals from a culture some 3000 to 5000 years ago, Ms. Morin held the audience's undivided attention. Students tried on original jewelry, headresses, and even the oil used to keep the skin from drying out in the hot desert sun.

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All of the students at the Rochester Memorial School saw a dramatic presentation titled "The Peaceable Kid" by the Perishable Theatre on Thursday, December 19. In "The Peaceable Kid," the theatre company applied conflict resolution models to the well-known mythology of the American "Wild" West. With the addition of some Texas Swing music, the result was an instructive, entertaining and often hilarious lesson in non-violence.

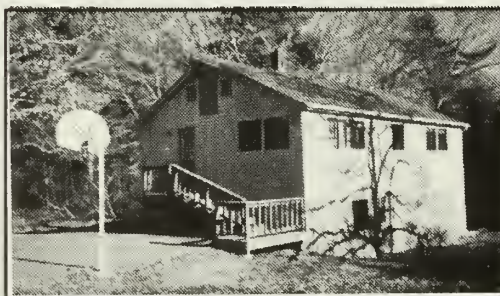
The next monthly meeting of the Women's Community Guild will be held on January 7 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The program will feature Mr. and Ms. Robert Beals of the Middleboro Historical Museum who will present a slide show lecture titled "The Little People" (General and Mrs. Tom Thumb and Associates). Guests are always welcome.

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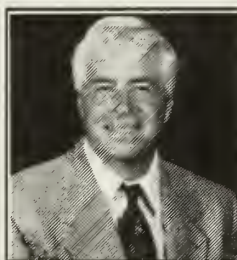
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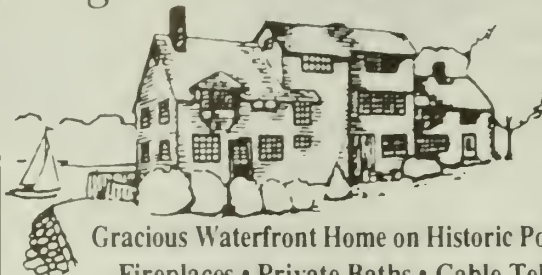
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The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 28, 1997 and the Annual Town Election will be held on May 2, 1997.

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Registration of voters is accepted during regular Town House office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Voters may also register by mail. For additional information, please call the Marion Town Clerk's office at 748-3505.

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Kathy McCarthy (sweatshirt from Panache); Mary Chadwick (Salt Marsh pottery disk from Kay Levine and Peace cross stitch); Joan Alvers (afghan by Marianne Richardson and slate with Ned's Point Lighthouse by George Avila); Kate McGregor (alphabet wall hanging from the Hayloft); Trudy Horchan (birdfeeder decorated by Sandy McIlmail); Jack McGarrie (candlesticks and accessories decorated by Sandy McIlmail); Diane Garde (snowmen cookie jar donated by Sandy Dawson and t-shirt); Gene Pursley (candlestick with Christmas

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### Power Squadron Boating Course

Registration for the United States Power Squadron's Boating Course will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 1997 (January 21 in case of snow) at Old Rochester Regional High School on Route 6 near the Mattapoisett/Marion line in Room 111.



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Many dogs are overweight due to poor quality ingredients in dog foods. In addition to the excess calories in the rancid animal fats (the fat you eat is the fat you wear), other ingredients such as glue and sugar add on calories. Glue as in gluten from wheat, corn and rice. When the rancid animal/poultry fats are in the body, the body tries to get rid of these toxic wastes as quickly as possible. Diarrhea is the most efficient way. Some dog food companies use sugar beet pulp (although they conveniently leave out the word sugar), to slow down the transaction of this toxic waste. The longer the waste, sugar and glue are in the body, the more calories are absorbed. Dogs may chew at the root of the tail, or the feet swell and the dogs lick their feet to massage away the heat and pain. Some dogs lick away the hair and dig into the skin. It never occurs to you that the dogs are suffering due to the poor diet. The sugar may even cause a black coat to get a red tinge, dandruff flakes and a dry coat. Your dog may continue to suffer pain and misery due to your dietary mistakes.

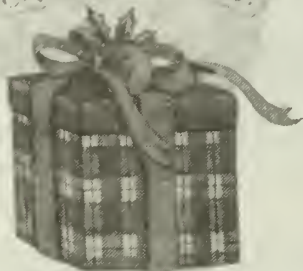
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Instruction is FREE, the only cost being for materials plus \$5 to help defray the cost of classroom rent. Prices for materials, including sales tax, are as follows:

If you are starting from scratch, it's a good idea to purchase the Boating Course Kit for \$26.50, which includes the student manual, a course plotter, and dividers. If you already have plotting equipment, you can purchase the student manual separately, priced at \$15. If more than one member of your family takes the course, you'll need only one manual, but an extra set of homework questions for each additional family member (\$4 per set). A practice chart and a piece of rope for practicing marlinspike costs an additional \$3. The total cost if you have no equipment at all is \$34.50 for materials and classroom rent.

For more information, please contact Dick Fearing at 748-1890, Gale Hudson at 758-6407, Ed Lewis at 758-3876, Bob Coburn at 947-4462, or Ralph Parker at 995-9204.

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#### Membership and Donations

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett, Inc. needs your help. The group's membership is open to anyone over 18 years of age and their goal is to help provide a better way of life for the senior citizens of Mattapoisett. In support of that goal, they run senior events, conduct fundraisers and coordinate activities with the town's Council on Aging.

If you identify with these goals and are considering gift giving, they would be most appreciated and put to good use. Gifts made during a person's life or as part of an estate plan are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. You do not have to be a member to give. All members and officers of the Friends are volunteers and receive no compensation — so 100 percent of any gift would reach its goal.

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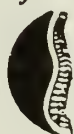
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*Library Hours*

The Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Wednesday from 10:00 am to 5:00; and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The library is closed on all major holidays.

*Internet Access*

The Plumb Memorial Library is now providing FREE access to the Internet during regular library hours. Users may reserve time, or use it on a first-come, first-served basis. All users need to sign a user agreement form, and those under 18 need a parent's signature. There are all kinds of information

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### Mattapoisett Free Public Library

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storytime; and he/she must be two years old by the first program.

The four-week session will be held on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00 am. Program dates are January 23 and 30, and February 6 and 13.

### Acushnet Historical Commission

The Acushnet Historical Commission is seeking a new Associate Member. The candidate should have a strong interest in local history, and be prepared to give several hours per month in volunteer commission activities. The Associate Member would be expected to attend all commission

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### "Animal Tracks" in Marion

The Marion Natural History Museum will present "Animal Tracks" on January 15, 1997 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. The program will be presented by Diane Boretos of Call of the Wild Nature Store and Natural History Tours of Falmouth, MA. During this program, participants will look for and identify animal tracks. They will also attempt to make plaster casts of the tracks to bring home.

Adults will be required to stay in order to provide transportation and to assist with the project. Please keep in mind that this is primarily an outdoor activity, so dress appropriately. The cost for the program is \$7 per child, and the age range is Grade 3 through Grade 6. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Please call 748-2098 or 758-9089 for information on registering.

### Adoptable Animals

The local chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. would like to thank those who have responded to their plea for donations to help with their recent undertakings to spay and neuter in several sites to foil propagation. They are still a long way from reaching their goal, but will begin this task very

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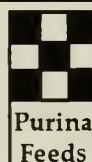
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In the dog category, remember the Fairhaven Animal Shelter if looking for a family pet dog. The Fairhaven Animal Shelter is located on Bridge Street across from Wal-Mart. In addition, Animal Umbrella has several dog offerings this week, including:

A three-year-old female golden retriever; a one-year-old English sheep dog cross (a real cutie); an eight-month-old lab cross puppy who loves kids and other animals who is up-to-date on all vaccinations and has tested negative for heartworm.

The group also has two litters of five-week-old kittens which will be available for adoption after the holidays.

If interested in any of these animals, please call one of the local Animal Umbrella representatives (unless otherwise noted):

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The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc., an affiliate of Habitat International, was started in July, 1995 and serves the towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Wareham. After a fifteen-month period of building the foundations of the organization, the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity received approval of its application for affiliation from Habitat for Humanity International on December 4, 1996.

Habitat is not a give-away program. A family selection committee chooses homeowners on the basis of the level of need, the ability to repay a mortgage, and willingness to become partners in the program. Through volunteer labor, including "sweat equity" hours of the potential homeowners and tax-deductible donations of funds and materials, Habitat is able to build homes for much less than commercial builders. The homes are sold at cost (no profit, no interest) and BBAHH issues a no-interest mortgage over a fixed period. Mortgage terms discourage quick subsequent sale profit. Low housing costs reduce financial worries and home ownership builds pride and family dignity.

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Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is now set to work on the goal of building the foundations of its first house in June, 1997 and is actively searching for donated or low-cost land. If



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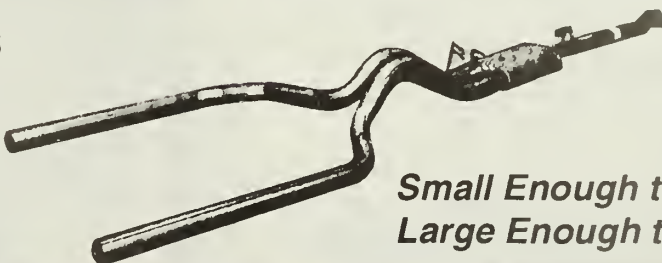
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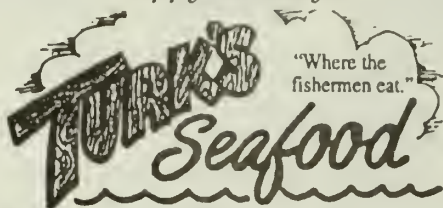
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**Old Colony Regional Voke**

*Honor Roll*

Report cards for the first trimester at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School have been mailed to parents and/or guardians. The following students are to be commended for excellent achievement in both their academic and vocational programs:

- **GRADE 12** - From **Acushnet**: Leah Denbin, David Dos Santos, Joshua Gerard, Chrystal Lee Hanley, Melissa Kells, Rafael Leonor, Karen Melo, Rita Picard, Brett R. St. Jean. From **Mattapoisett**: Paul Hubbard, John C. Morris. From **Rochester**: Timothy Forand, Aaron C. Taylor.

- **GRADE 11** - From **Acushnet**: Kenny Almeida, Paul Jorissen, Brian Mello. From **Rochester**: Michael R. Harnden, Michael J. Vieira.

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• **GRADE 9** - From **Acushnet**: Joshua M. Abreu, Ryan R. Desroches, Timothy D. Ducharme, Nathan Ellis, Michael Wales. From **Mattapoisett**: Aimee Desroches, Andrew M. Fatula. From **Rochester**: Stephen M. Bobrowiecki, Sherri Lafleur.  
**DAR Good Citizen Award**

Paul Hubbard, a senior at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School is this year's recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award. Paul is a resident of Mattapoisett and is in the Drafting Department at Old Colony.  
**Financial Aid Night**

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School has scheduled its Financial Aid Night for Parents on Tuesday, January 7, 1997. The program will run from 6:30 until 8:00 pm and will include a review of the State and Federal Financial Aid Forms. These are the forms which are used to determine eligibility for grants, guaranteed student loans, and work study programs. Also included in

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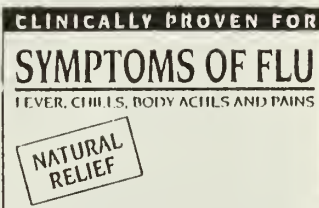
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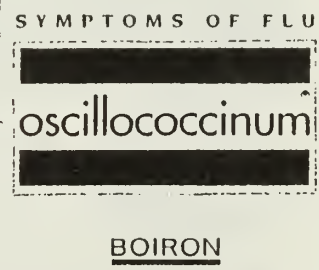


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the program will be information on additional educational loan programs, local scholarships, and the college application process.

## Blood Drive

There are many patients who use blood and blood products. One such individual was Christy Marcondes, a student at Old Colony. Following a car accident, Christy was the recipient of many blood products. Her high school is now sponsoring a blood drive to help replenish the community supply.

Individuals in good health, 18 years of age or older (17 years old with a signed American Red Cross parental/guardian consent form), and who weight at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood.

Please make an appointment to give the "gift of life" at "The Friends of Christy Marcondes Community Blood Drive," to be held on Wednesday, January 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Voke (476 North Avenue in Rochester). For more information, please call the school at 763-8011, extension 30.

## Student Government Day

Two Old Colony Regional Voke students will be participating in the 50th Annual Student Government Day. David Dos Santos, an Acushnet resident, and Travis Edminster, a Freetown resident, will be representing Old Colony on Friday, April 4, 1997 at the State House in Boston.

Students will be selected to run the State Government for one day. The purpose of the program is to give students a hands-on approach to learning about our State Government. The Student Government Day is sponsored by the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

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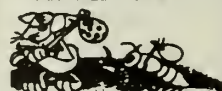
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Whist parties are also offered at 1:00 pm and on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month — please contact Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467.

### Acushnet Council on Aging

#### Senior Center

The Senior Center is open daily from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Meals will be served daily Monday through Friday at 11:45 am. Anyone in need of transportation should call 998-0280 for a ride.

#### Games

Bingo will be held on Monday and Wednesday after lunch. Scrabble will be played every Tuesday from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

#### Shopping

Shopping trips will take place on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 am.

#### Blood Pressure

A Blood Pressure clinic is offered every Wednesday at 9:00 am.

#### Senior ID's

Senior ID photographs will be taken daily from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. ID pictures are taken for demand and response service for SRTA.

#### SHINE Coordinator

The SHINE Coordinator will be available at the Acushnet Senior Center on Thursdays for a

walk-in appointment between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

#### Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Hope Street. All are encouraged to join the group.

#### Health Sessions

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no Health Sessions in December.

#### Council Members

Seniors interested in becoming council members at the Acushnet Council on Aging should call William Contois at 998-0280.

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### Photography Classes in Fairhaven

Fairhaven One-Hour Photo is planning to host a series of FREE Photography Classes beginning January, 1997. They plan to host either weekly or bi-weekly gatherings of people interested in photography. The sessions would meet on a weekday and probably at 7:00 pm. The goal is to share information pertaining to photography.

Subjects can and may include: composition, flash photography, common photography challenges, film types (film speeds, graininess factors, slides vs. prints), enlarging photographs (size formats, cropping, matting, framing), achieving effects (action shots, panning, night photography), tips for photographing kids, portraits, understanding your camera, light, lenses, light meters, filters, and anything else you can suggest.

Classes are FREE, although you are asked to bring your own chair. If you are interested, please sign up in person at Fairhaven One-Hour Photo, 61 Alden Road (Fairhaven Center for Business), or call 992-9700 for more information.

### Russell Memorial Library - Acushnet

Patrons of the Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet can now access the SEAL public access catalog from home. If your Internet provider has TelNet client software, you can reach their catalog. You may also reach the catalog with an INFOPATH account. An information sheet on how to access this catalog is available at the library.

The library also now subscribes to an on-line periodical database accessing more than 600 periodicals and journals. Many of these entries are in full text which may be printed out at the library terminal. This takes the place of the often unwieldy *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*. Patrons may search by subject, author, and keyword for published articles.

The Russell Memorial Library also now has a public terminal available for text-only access to the Internet. Keep in mind that the library has no control over materials found on the Internet and assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy, or currency of any Internet resources.

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available for public use. This computer was purchased through a state-awarded grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The library has many wonderful CD-ROM products to try. They also have a growing collection of CD-ROM's available for borrowing. In addition, there is also a word processor available for public use. Plans are also in place to acquire a software package called KIDSPAC, which simplifies the public access catalog for younger patrons.

#### **ORR Special Education**

The regular meetings for the 1996-1997 school year of the Old Rochester Regional High School and Union 55 School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be held on Wednesday, January 22, March 26, and May 28 in the Rochester Memorial School Library from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

All parents of students with Special Needs and those interested in the Special Education programs in the area are invited to attend. For further information please call 748-2192, or Marion Chairman Sandra Kinney at 748-2836, Mattapoissett/ ORR Chairman Gail McSwiggan at 758-4354 or Rochester Chairman Cynthia Atwood at 763-3894.

#### **Marion Council on Aging**

##### *PACE Fuel Assistance*

Applications are now being accepted for Fuel Assistance through PACE. New applicants must come in person to the New Bedford office but seniors may also come to the Marion Council on Aging. Please call at 748-3570 for an appointment with Peg Reed on Wednesday.

##### *FISH*

FISH is a volunteer organization of drivers who are available to help seniors get to doctor appointments. New volunteers are urgently needed. If you have a few hours to spare now and then and are a good driver, please call the Marion Council On Aging at 748-3570.

##### *Senior Lunch*

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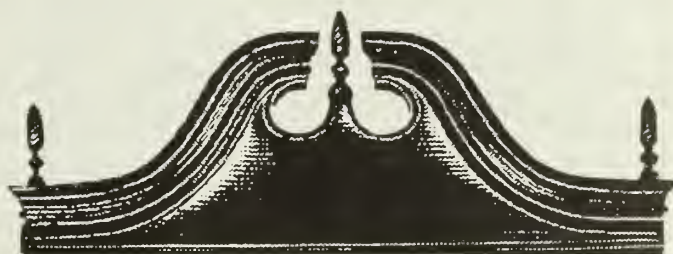
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#### **Mother of Twins Club**

The Greater New Bedford Mother Of Twins Club will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from September through May at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station (upstairs). Please call 998-8783 or 748-3205 for more information.

#### **Regional Recycling Hotline**

Thanks to a generous donation by Nye Lubricants, Inc., residents of Marion and

Mattapoisett now have recycling information at their fingertips. Residents can dial one toll-free number — 1-800-800-6881 — to get answers to their recycling questions 24-hours-a-day.

A grant from Nye Lubricants makes Marion's and Mattapoisett's recycling message a part of a non-profit, statewide recycling hotline dubbed "E-Call." Citizens can dial the E-Call hotline, touch tone in their zip code and hear a voicemail message packed with the latest details on recycling in the towns. Rochester is also served by the hotline, but a replacement sponsor for SEMASS is being sought by E-Call. Currently, Acushnet is not being served because it does not have a local sponsor.

"As a member of the local community, Nye Lubricants is pleased to support the recycling hotline," said George B. Mock III, Executive Vice President at Nye Lubricants. "Sponsoring the hotline gives us a chance to help recycling efforts in the area. The E-Call hotline makes it easy for citizens to get involved, and stay involved, in local recycling programs."

The message is updated regularly to notify residents of improvements to the program. E-Call has caught the attention of the state's environmental office and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **Can and Bottle Drive in Fairhaven**

The Fairhaven High School Class of 1997 is holding a can and bottle drive from September through April. All proceeds will benefit the class for the prom, yearbooks, and class gift. Cans can be dropped off at Cans for Cash, 15 Shirley Street in Fairhaven, behind Taco Bell, or at the high school the first Saturday of every month between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Every little bit helps, and the Class of 1997 thanks you for your support.

#### **Fairhaven Council on Aging**

##### *Weekly Schedule*

- Monday through Friday - The COA offers medical transportation, a reassurance program for seniors living alone, an elderly nutrition program lunch at the Senior Center (call 24 hours in advance to order a meal), and a social day program.
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Walking club (please call the senior center for time and meeting place).
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- Wednesday, January 8 - Silver City Galleria in Taunton;

- Wednesday, January 15 - Independence Mall in Kingston;

- Wednesday, January 22 - Christmas Tree Shop in Middletown, RI;

- Wednesday, January 29 - Swansea Mall.

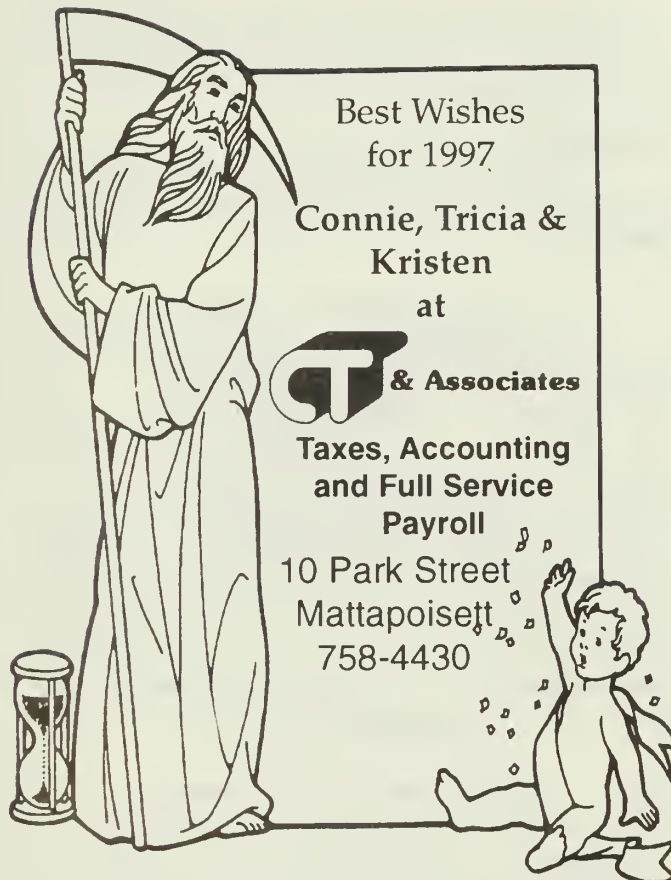
Please call 979-4029 after January 15 to book any trips for the following month.

#### *Fuel Assistance*

Maria O'Gara will be taking applications for fuel assistance every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Please call the Senior Center to make an appointment at 979-4029.

#### *Reassurance Program*

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#### **Stang Freshmen Elect Officers**

The freshman class at Bishop Stang High School recently held class elections with the following results:

President - Corey Maloney of Cummaquid, the son of Donna and Sylvester Maloney; Vice President - Katie Burke of Dartmouth, the daughter of Suzy and Charlie Burke; Treasurer - Craig Barrett of Dartmouth, the son of Nancy and Kevin Barrett; Secretary - Kate Manning of Mattapoisett, the daughter of Michael Manning of Mattapoisett and Diane Manning of East Falmouth. Congratulations to the newly-elected freshman class officers!

#### **Duracell Competition for Students**

For the 15th year, Duracell is challenging ninth through twelfth grade students to invent battery-powered devices and compete for prizes totaling over \$100,000 in savings bonds. The deadline for submitting an official entry form, essay, wiring diagram and photo to the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is January 15, 1997. Entries are judged on creativity, practicality, energy efficiency, and clarity of the essay. Every student who submits a completed entry will receive a certificate of participation and a Duracell fanny pack.

One-hundred nationwide finalists, each a candidate for a \$200 bond, will be announced in February. In March, 41 top winners will be named for a first place \$20,000 bond, five second place \$10,000 bonds, ten third place \$1,000 bonds, and twenty-five fourth place \$500 bonds. Teachers of the first and second place winners will receive computers and color printers. All sponsoring teachers of the 100 finalists will receive gifts.

The first and second place winners, along with their parents and sponsoring teachers, will be honored on April 3 at a gala fifteenth birthday party for the competition in New Orleans during the national convention of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Recognized as the nation's leading high school invention contest, the

competition is sponsored by Duracell USA and administered by the National Science Teachers Association. The judging panel is comprised of distinguished scientists and science educators and is chaired by Dr. Arthur Eisenkraft, science coordinator for the Bedford, NY public schools.

"Every year this competition rewards many new ideas, including practical solutions for common problems, improvements on existing technologies, and some sophisticated designs," said Gerry Wheeler, NSTA Executive Director. "We are pleased to invite high school students to power their imaginations and give us the results of their creative thinking."

Often the winners in this annual invention competition get their ideas by solving common problems in their everyday lives. Among devices former winners have developed are an improved bike taillight, a robot which sorts recyclables, a gadget which reads the ripeness of fruit, and a portable eyesight screening tool.

A survey of winners conducted last year shows that the competition appeals to many students, including those in industrial arts, technology, and a variety of science classes. Half of those who responded said winning influenced their career choices and future studies. Some previous winners are improving and patenting their devices and many are employed in innovative technology-based fields. Student inventors retain all rights to their devices.

Competition entry materials are available from: NSTA, 1840 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington VA 22201-3000, or by calling 1-888-255-4242. The e-mail address is: pbowers@nsta.org.

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#### **Industrial Waste Course at MMA**

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The course will meet on Thursday evenings, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm beginning February 20, 1997 and will end May 15, 1997. The State Certification Exam will be held on May 18, 1997. There will also be four Saturday morning sessions from 9:00 to 11:00 am on March 1, March 15, April 12, and April 26 to cover monitoring tests, maintenance, and plant process controls at the MMA facility. For further information, please call MMA at 508-830-5000, extension 1608.

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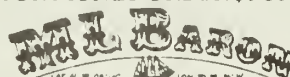
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## New Craven horror movie copies the *Scream* of the crop

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ *Scream*. Starring Neve Campbell and Courtney Cox. Directed by Wes Craven. Running time: 100 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

"This isn't a movie," says heroine Sidney (Neve Campbell) midway through *Scream*. "Of course it is," says her boyfriend (Skeet Ulrich). "Everything is one big movie." An exchange like that could destroy a lesser movie. But the people in *Scream* know they're in a horror movie — in fact, they've seen all the movies that *Scream* copies, dissects, and parodies. They know the "rules" (don't have sex, don't go off alone), but they goof on the rules and promptly get killed for it.

I'm surprised it took this long for a self-reflexive slasher movie to be made. Slasher movies, of course, were big in the early '80's; we saw a hundred rip-offs of *Friday the 13th*, which in turn ripped off the heavyweight champ, *Halloween*. After a while, the slasher craze petered out. Then, in 1984, came the movie that gave horror a new face — *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, directed by Wes Craven, who has now made *Scream*.

Is *Scream* a revolutionary horror breakthrough on the level of *Nightmare*? I don't think so. But it is witty, tightly structured, and often effective as a straight horror film. The script, by Kevin Williamson, turns our I've-seen-it-all jadedness against us. The teens in *Scream* laugh at horror videos, yelling at the screen ("Turn around! Don't drop the knife!"). Then they go off and do the same stupid things they've been

laughing at. This conceit is nasty and plausible — we're saying the same things while we're watching the movie.

*Scream* faithfully reproduces every stock slasher cliché. There's the Traumatic Anniversary: Sidney's mom was raped and murdered a year ago. There's the Creepy Crank Caller. There's the "Boo! It's Not the Killer!" seat-jumper (I lost count of how often Craven uses this). There are enough red herrings for five movies, including a touchy-feely, scissors-wielding principal (Henry Winkler!), a dorky police deputy (David Arquette), and a virginal horror-movie expert (Jamie Kennedy).

The killer, who goes around in a dime-store mask (like *Halloween*'s Michael Myers), taunts Sidney while her friends die around her. She's being saved for last, like Jamie Lee Curtis. One nice twist is that, unlike Curtis in *Halloween*, Sidney loses her virginity — and still survives. The script subverts and critiques the Victorian morality of these movies, which (like most horror stories) equate sex with violent death.

Neve Campbell, one of the appealing misfit witches in last spring's surprise hit *The Craft*, carries her first starring role gracefully. She makes Sidney brave and smart but also convincingly haunted. It's a performance to match Heather Langenkamp's in *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. Craven's touch with the other actors is less adept — he lets Matthew Lillard (*Serial Mom*), as a wacky teen geek, overact all over the place. And Craven's dialogue scenes, as always, are as flat as Wyoming.

I'm a horror buff, so I enjoyed *Scream*, and I wish it well; the genre needs a hit. Yet I suspect it's a movie for fans only. If the horror genre is to recapture the public imagination, it needs more than an in-joke movie. It needs new blood — it needs a new face. Where is the next Wes Craven?

## MOVIE LISTINGS

### ■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.

Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

#### *Friday (December 27) through Thursday (January 2)*

Michael\* (PG) — Fri-Mon: 12:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15; Thu: 12:15, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

My Fellow Americans\* (PG-13) — Fri-Mon: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15; Thu: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

Jerry Maguire\* (R) — Fri-Mon: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15; Tue: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30; Thu: 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15

Space Jam (PG) — Fri-Tue: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Thu: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) — Fri-Tue: 7:00; Thu: 7:00

Set It Off (R) — Fri-Mon: 9:30; Thu: 9:30

Scream\* (R) — Fri-Mon: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Thu: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

Mars Attacks! (PG-13) — Fri-Mon: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Tue: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Thu: 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

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### ■ GENERAL CINEMA 8

Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.

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#### *Friday (December 27) through Thursday (January 2)*

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101 Dalmatians (G) — 12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

Ransom (R) — 7:10, 9:40

The English Patient (R) — 8:10

Daylight (PG-13) — 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10

The Preacher's Wife (PG) — 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

One Fine Day (PG) — 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30

Beavis & Butthead (PG-13) — 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:20

The Evening Star (PG-13) — 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40

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# Local Police Logs

## ■ ACUSHNET

*The following log excerpts are for the week of December 16 through December 22, 1996:*

- Whelden Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Hope Street – neighbor problems
- River Street – loitering/curfew violation
- Little People's College – humane calls/injured animals
- Hope Street – impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Oak Street – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Pleasant Street – harassment
- Bowler's Country Club – domestic disturbance
- South Main Street – summons issued (operating motor vehicle with revoked license)
- North Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Diane Street – harassment
- Anthony Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Clifford Street – domestic disturbance
- South Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Perry Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident
- Boylston Street – summons issued (number plate violation, concealing identification)
- Bow Drive – domestic disturbance
- Lague Street – prowlers
- Main Street – adult arrest (driving under the influence, failure to keep right)

- South Main Street – motor vehicle accident/adult arrest (operating under the influence, possession of Class D substance)
- South Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Slocum Street – vandalism
- South Main Street – summons issued (speeding, operating with suspended license)
- Slocum Street – breaking and entering/forced entry
- Bernard Street – adult arrest (rape, aggravated burglary, assault, indecent assault and battery on person 14 or over)
- Bow Drive – suspicious motor vehicle.

## ■ FAIRHAVEN

*The following log excerpts are for the week of December 16 through December 23, 1996:*

- Oak Street – adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic)
- Diamond Street – domestic violence
- Winona Avenue – disorderly conduct
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (shoplifting, default warrant)
- Alden Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Plaza Way – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Route 240 – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Oak Street – suicide attempt
- Alden Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – disturbance/loud noise
- Oxford Street – vandalism
- Huttleston Avenue – disorderly conduct
- Daniel Street – vandalism
- Maitland Street – breaking and entering/motor vehicle
- Huttleston Avenue – breaking and entering/motor vehicle

- Main Street – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (operating an unregistered motor vehicle)
- Rogers Street – breaking and entering/motor vehicle
- Main Street – accident/pedestrian
- Berdon Way – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Fairhaven Commons Way – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Hitch Street – domestic violence
- Sconticut Neck Road – disorderly conduct
- Jerusalem Road – annoying phone calls
- Route 6 – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Huttleston Avenue – larceny
- Academy Avenue – adult arrest (warrant, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery)
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (larceny, shoplifting)
- Plaza Way – adult arrest (warrant, motor vehicle violations, shoplifting)
- Fairhaven Commons Way – adult arrest (shoplifting, larceny)
- Wal-Mart – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, illegal use of plates)
- Sarah's Way – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Huttleston Avenue – vandalism
- Main Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Huttleston Avenue – adult arrest (assault and battery, disturbing the peace)
- Sconticut Neck Road – adult arrest (procuring liquor for person under 21)
- Main Street – domestic violence
- Main Street – adult arrest (assault and battery, domestic)
- Route 6 – adult arrest (warrant, assault and battery, stalking)
- Silver Shell Beach Avenue – vandalism
- Sconticut Neck Road – larceny.

## ■ MATTAPOISETT

*The following log excerpts are for the week of December 16 through December 23, 1996:*

- Harbor Road – domestic disturbance/drunkenness
- Shipyard Lane – alarm
- North Street – recovered property
- North Street – larceny
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Oakland Terrace – annoying phone calls
- Brandt Island Road – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road – loose dog
- Crestfield Street – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- County Road – general disturbance/skateboarders.

## ■ ROCHESTER

*The following log excerpts are for the week of December 16 through December 23, 1996:*

- Plumb Corner Market – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Bassett Road – domestic abuse
- Mary's Pond Road – noise complaint
- Cushman Road – noise complaint
- Lloyd's Market – suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Colony Regional Voke – vandalism
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Gerrish Road – vandalism
- Plumb Corner Mall – suspicious motor vehicle
- Negus Way – suspicious activity
- Main Street – suspicious activity.



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The program will be held on January 8, 13, 15, 22, and 29, 1997 at the Community Nurses of Fairhaven, located at 62 Center Street. The program sessions will run from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and the fee is \$48. For further information or to register, please call Diane Leclair at 992-6248.

### Telethon to Benefit Tobey Hospital

Plans are already underway for a telethon on Bay 8 Cable Television which will be held on Sunday, February 2 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Proceeds from this event will benefit "Community First - The Campaign for Primary Care," Tobey Hospital's capital campaign to fund major modernization projects now underway.

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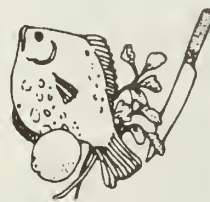
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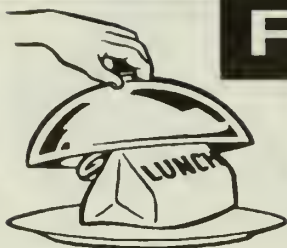
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**Thursday, January 2** — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.

**Friday, January 3** — Cheese or linguica pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Monday, January 6** — Hot dog or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, January 7** — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Spaghetti with French bread, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, January 9** — Shepherd's pie, or toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 10** — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or linguica patty on a roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

## ■ ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

**Thursday, January 2** — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.

**Friday, January 3** — Cheese or linguica pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Monday, January 6** — Hot dog or turkey pocket, potato

puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.  
**Tuesday, January 7** — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Spaghetti with French bread, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, January 9** — Shepherd's pie, or toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 10** — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or linguica patty on a roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

## ■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE

**Thursday, January 2** — Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, muffin, cake.

**Friday, January 3** — Juice, pizza, potato rounds, green beans, dessert.

**Monday, January 6** — Vegetable soup, rib-b-que, potato puffs, broccoli, fruit, frosted cake.

**Tuesday, January 7** — Tacos, burritos, salsa, rice, corn, chilled fruit.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Baked ham, mashed potatoes, applesauce, carrots, muffin, cookie.

**Thursday, January 9** — Juice, meatball sub, chips, green beans, chocolate cake.

**Friday, January 10** — Tomato macaroni soup, pizza, French fries, assorted dessert.

## ■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL

**Thursday, January 2** — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.

**Friday, January 3** — Cheese or linguica pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Monday, January 6** — Hot dog or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, January 7** — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Spaghetti with French bread, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, January 9** — Shepherd's pie, or toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 10** — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or linguica patty on a roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

## ■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL

**Thursday, January 2** — Soup, meatball sub, or Italian sub, green beans, fruit, juice or milk.

**Friday, January 3** — Chicken fillet, or BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, corn, fruit, juice, milk.

**Monday, January 6** — Soup, grilled ham and cheese, or chicken pattie, pickles, fries, fruit, juice or milk.

**Tuesday, January 7** — Baked ziti, or Steak'Um, carrots, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Soup, pastrami with cheese, or

chicken fritters, potato puffs, celery sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

**Thursday, January 9** — Shepherd's pie, or bacon cheeseburger, applesauce, roll, juice or milk.

**Friday, January 10** — Sausages, peppers and onion sub, or BBQ ribs, fries, pickles, fruit, juice or milk.

## ■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Thursday, January 2** — Hamburger or cheeseburger, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, pudding, milk.

**Friday, January 3** — Cheese or linguica pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Monday, January 6** — Hot dog or turkey pocket, potato puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, January 7** — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham and cheese pocket/roll, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Spaghetti with French bread, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, January 9** — Shepherd's pie, or toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, January 10** — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or linguica patty on a roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

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The Fairhaven Council on Aging SHINE Counselor is Ms. Irene Huggins. The COA's SHINE volunteer will be available on Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30, or by appointment. Please call 979-4029 for further information, or to make an appointment.

Also, Jean Silver, SHINE Counselor, will be visiting the Fairhaven Housing sites on Wednesday mornings. Please check your bulletin board for date, time and location.

#### Fairhaven Lions' Club

The Fairhaven Lions' Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Seaport Inn, Route 6 in Fairhaven. For more information, please write to the Fairhaven Lions' Club at P.O. Box 827, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

#### Fairhaven Rotary Club

The Fairhaven Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven, off Route 6.

#### Senior Social Day Program

The Fairhaven Senior Social Day Program is a program of social activities for elders who require daytime supervision and non-medical assistance in a community setting.

The fee is currently \$20 per day including lunch and all activities (with the exception of such special activities as travel, shopping or lunch outings). Hours are 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

For further information, please call Jeanne Lemay, Social Day Coordinator, at 979-4029 or write to her at the Fairhaven Council on Aging, 150 Sciticut Neck Road, or P.O. Box 106, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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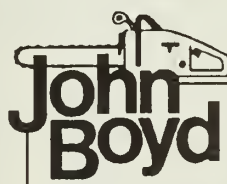
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The mass schedule at St. Francis Xavier Church, Main Street in Acushnet, is daily (Monday through Friday) at 8:30 am; Saturday at 4:00 pm; and Sunday at 8:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

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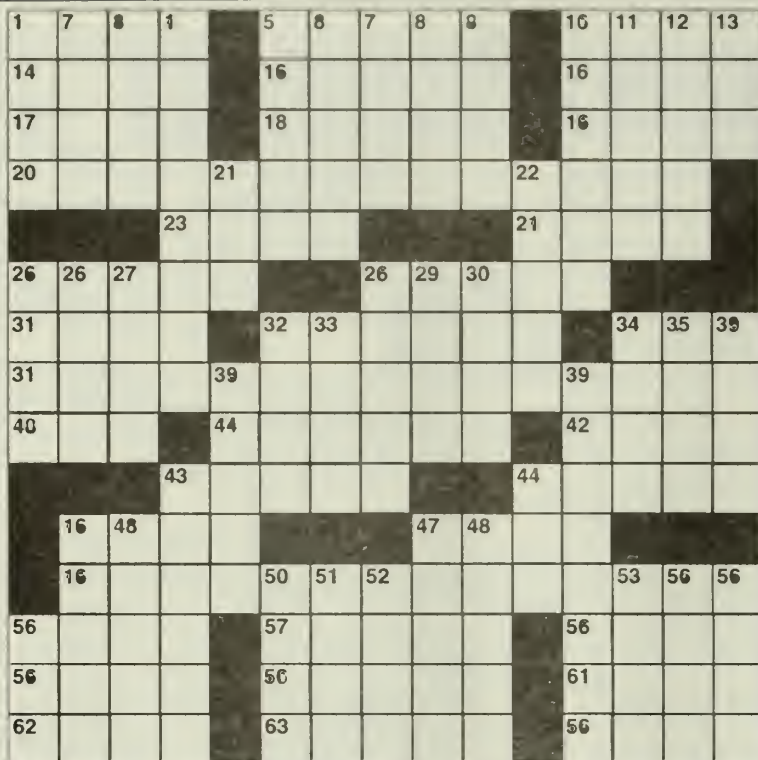
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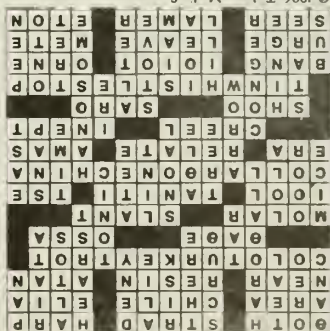
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## This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

**Aries (March 21-April 19).** Pay attention to what you're doing. Details matter. Partnership's the key. Help a creative friend make a decision.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20).** Make solid plans for the new year with your sweetheart. Catch up on your correspondence.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Confusion reigns at home. Don't just throw money at the problem. Love blossoms, but you'll soon have to get back to work.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Neighbors spur you to take action. Fix up your place with the help of another hard worker. You may want to entertain a very important guest.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Focus on money so there'll be enough to last. You might even feel inspired to make up a budget for the year. Stick close to home.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your instincts are right on target. Expect setbacks and be prepared to deal with them. Hit the sales and you'll find some real steals.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Take care of old business. You'll be brimming over with new ideas soon. Expect complications to develop.

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### Fairhaven Fishermen's Association

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Fairhaven Fishermen's Association's monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at The Fairhaven Varsity Club, 12 Adams Street, in Fairhaven beginning at 7:00 pm.

The Fairhaven Fishermen's Association was recently formed by concerned citizens working together to get a Seed Program established in the Town of Fairhaven to help replenish the waters. The group's agenda includes:

- Replenishing shellfish stock with a clean seed program;
- Improving water quality;
- Develop new ways to grow shellfish for propagation;
- Promote and market shellfish;
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A member of the town's shellfish department will be there to answer questions.

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### Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club

The Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesday at 7:30 am in the Seaport Inn, off Route 6 in Fairhaven. For more information write to the Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 832, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

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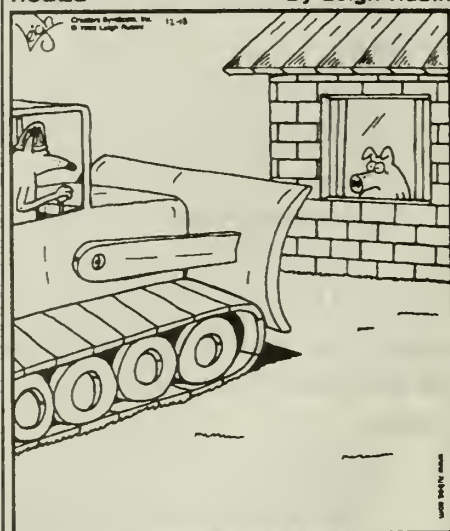
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### TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing regarding the petition of John McGrath, 27 Marion Road, Assessor's plan 8 lot 1. Petitioner is seeking a 1 1/2' variance under Section VIII B of protective bylaws. Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.  
Charles Wolf, Chairman, 12/20, 12/27.

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*Town Trends*

**Roller-Blade Issue Cuts Both Ways**

**By Jennifer J. Ouellette**

"Skateboarding is fine, but it has its place," said Rochester Police Chief Walter Denham. In Fairhaven, however, skateboarding — among other things — is no longer "fine" anywhere in town now that voters approved Article 8 at the Special Town Meeting held on December 7.


The article established a town by-law which states:

"No person shall operate or ride any wheeled device for human transportation including, but not limited to, a bicycle, scooter, roller-skates, skateboard, roller skis, or in-line skates ... in or on any of the following:

- Any public building and the walkway, or stairs of a public building;
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of the stairs," said Fairhaven Police Chief Ed Silva, but the Fairhaven Town Hall "seems to attract" skaters and skateboarders. At one point, he said, the skateboarders "waxed" the edge of the stairs, which was "extremely unsafe for pedestrians."

Chief Silva credits this hazardous behavior for the uproar against skaters that eventually brought the issue before the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen.

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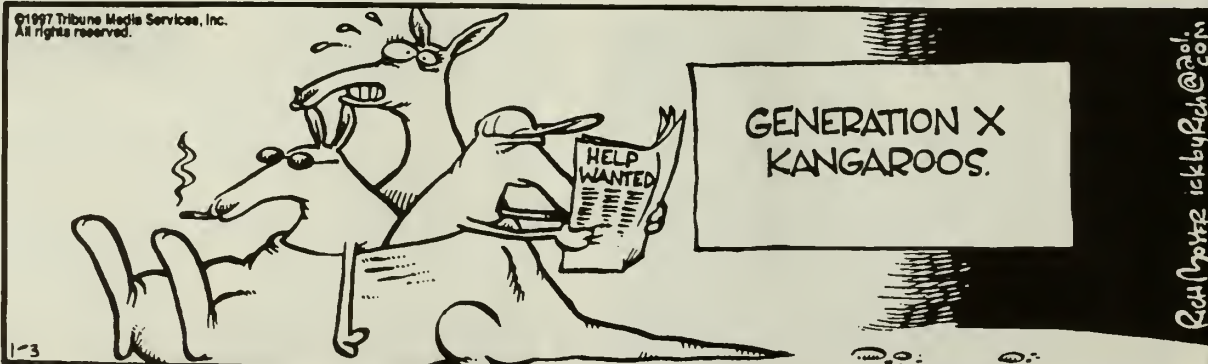
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skating and skateboarding would not be "too far out of the ordinary to be barred out of certain areas." He continued to explain how Rochester skaters tend to skate in and around cars in busy store areas. Skating in this area leads to several safety issues. The safety of the skateboarders and/or skaters who may ride behind a car that is backing up as well as the safety of the pedestrians need to be considered.

"I agree that the town should find some other area or facility for skateboarding," Chief Denham said. However, liability would still be a pressing concern for the town.

"Liability isn't all that great if (the town) has a facility (for skaters)," said Bob Correira, owner of Matt's Wild World of Sports in Acushnet. "It would be like a swing." Someone could fall off a town-owned swing and get hurt without any major effect on the town. The same concept would be true in a skating facility. It would be equivalent to a jungle gym in the town park.

Tim Semple, a frequent rollerblader from Marion, agrees with Mr. Correira about the town needing a skate facility. "We need a place to go," he said. Mr. Semple told a story about a time when the cops stopped him while he was roller-blading in the road and told he and his friends that if they were caught roller-blading in the street again, the group would be arrested.

After this occurrence, Mr. Semple went before the Marion Board of Selectmen and proposed a skating park on a half-acre of land on Point Road in Marion. Marion's Executive Secretary Ray Pickles said the site was "not suitable." The facility would require a "minimum of two acres."

Mr. Semple has not given up on the issue, however. He continues to visit area skate parks to determine the effect the facility has on the community. "My father moved to Harwich further down (Cape Cod)," he said. The town built the best public skate park he has ever seen. "They did a good job," he said. The park has had no problems and is under constant supervision, Mr. Semple continued.



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"Right now we have nowhere (to skate)," Mr. Semple said. The town has told skaters to skate behind Sippican School, but they are less than excited about the area. "Most people don't understand aggressive skating," Mr. Semple said. "We ride down handrails, jump over cars — anything." Behind Marion's Sippican School there is nothing but "an empty tar parking lot," he said.

Although the issue seems to be a dead one in Fairhaven, there is still hope for town skating enthusiasts, as well as those in Marion and Acushnet. The three towns have been considering a proposal regarding a bicycle path that would run through the adjacent towns. Marion Police Chief Brian Scott said that the "best thing (to solve the skating dilemma) would be the bicycle path. It's the most logical solution and beneficial to all three communities."

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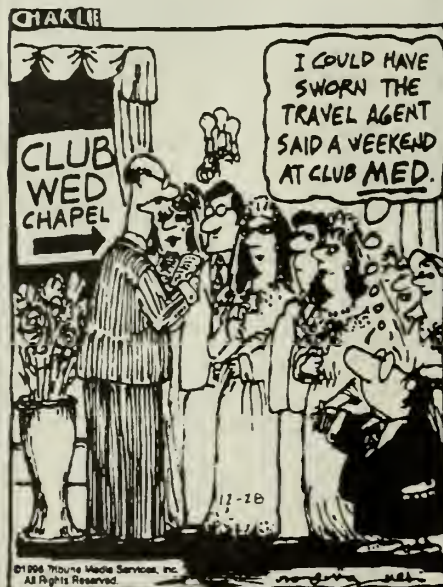
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of a liability suit is still the primary reason town officials aren't taking any further action on the matter. Rochester Police Chief Denham said that the town would not want to see a future skating park become just a hangout which would harbor bad activities. Now, Chief Denham continued, the kids are out "well after dark without any supervision." Most of the kids do not cause any problems, but there are always those few that ruin it for the other good kids.

According to Matt Pepin of Rochester, Gifford Memorial Park — a site which many skaters use — is full of trash and has been vandalized, but not by the skateboarders. "The town was upset that it was not kept clean," he explained. So, the town set a date for us to remove our equipment and when we didn't move it, the town destroyed it.

"We get harassed for skating everywhere," Jason Correia of Rochester said. "The town is just afraid of (our skating), I guess."



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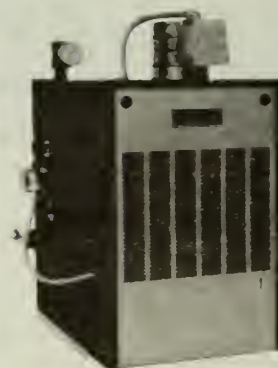
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
December 27:	Fri.	9:17	9:39	2:24	2:58
December 28:	Sat.	9:58	10:22	2:59	3:29
December 29:	Sun.	10:40	11:07	3:35	4:03
December 30:	Mon.	11:23	11:54	4:14	4:40
December 31:	Tues.	...	12:10	4:56	5:21
January 1:	Wed.	12:47	1:05	5:47	6:12
January 2:	Thur.	1:40	2:00	6:44	7:05
January 3:	Fri.	2:35	2:56	7:48	8:04
January 4:	Sat.	3:30	3:52	8:56	9:06
January 5:	Sun.	4:22	4:45	10:01	10:07
January 6:	Mon.	5:13	5:37	11:01	11:04
January 7:	Tues.	6:04	6:28	11:56	11:59
January 8:	Wed.	6:52	7:17	...	12:47
January 9:	Thur.	7:41	8:06	12:52	1:36
January 10:	Fri.	8:31	8:57	1:44	2:24
January 11:	Sat.	9:21	9:48	2:36	3:13
January 12:	Sun.	10:13	10:42	3:29	4:02
January 13:	Mon.	11:07	11:37	4:23	4:53
<b>Phases of the Moon</b>		Full Moon		December 24th	
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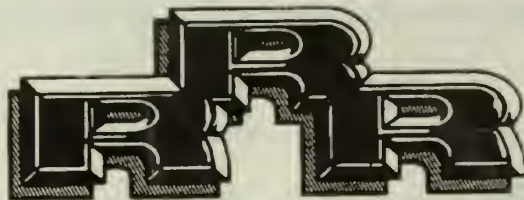
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